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VALUE ADDED SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of classical and value added services provided to the consumers by the Department of Posts ;

(b) the services out of them running under losses; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the losses ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The names of classical and value added services provided to the consumers by the Department of Post are as under :

Classical Services :

1. Postcard 2. Printed Postcard 3. Competition Postcard 4. Letter card 5. Letter 6. Registered Newspapers 7. Book, Pattern and sample packet 8. Book packets containing printed books

9. Book packets containing periodicals 10. Parcel 11. Registration 12. Value payable post
13. Insurance 14. Money Order 15. Telegraph Money Order 16. Indian Postal Order
17. Foreign Post 18. Acknowledgement.

Value Added Services :

1. Speed Post 2. Express Parcel Post 3. Greetings Post.

(b) As per 1999-2000 (Cost-Projections) the following services are deficit :-

1. Postcard 2. Printed Postcard 3. Competition Postcard 4. Letter card

5. Registered newspaper 6. Book Packet containing printed books

7 Book Packets containing periodicals 8. Registration

9. Value payable post 10. Money Order 11. Telegraph money order
12. Indian Postal Order 13. Acknowledgement.

(c) The Department of Post has not been suffering losses as such but has been in deficit.The Department of Post has been making all out efforts to control expenditure and enhance revenue, in order to contain the deficit.
Expenditure control is effected through economy measures and closer monitoring of expenditure. Postal tariffs are revised from time to time to reduce the subsidy provided in each service keeping in view the eventual social obligation of the Department.